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Classified By: POLITICAL COUNSELOR JAMES COLE. REASON: 1.4 (B) AND (D)

Per reftel, on February 11 post expressed appreciation for Australia's cooperation on the process and preserving interoperability with the U.S. and other non-participating states to Dr. Ada Cheung of DFAT's Arms Control and Proliferation Branch. Dr. Cheung said that she looked forward to working with us in the leadup to the Wellington Conference of the Oslo process. She noted that if hard-line participants insist at Wellington on a total munitions ban "we may not make it to Dublin."